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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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COMPOSITION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows:

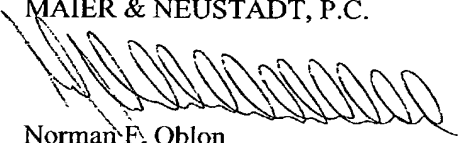
5. (Amended) The antibacterial composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the basic compound (c) is a polymerizable group-having, aliphatic tertiary amine.
6. (Amended) The antibacterial composition as claimed in claim 1, which further contains (f) a polymerization initiator.

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are active in the present application. Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. No new matter is added. An action on the merits and allowance of claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

--5. (Amended) The antibacterial composition as claimed in [any of claims 1 to 4] claim 1, wherein the basic compound (e) is a polymerizable group-having, aliphatic tertiary amine.

6. (Amended) The antibacterial composition as claimed in [any of claims 1 to 5] claim 1, which further contains (f) a polymerization initiator.--